

Application No. 09/723,633
Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 5-9, 14-16, 20, 21, 24 and 25 is respectfully acknowledged.

Independent claims 1, 12, 17 and 22 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 5, 14, 20, 24, respectively.

In addition, claims 1-4, 6-10, 12, 13, 15-19, 21-23 and 25 have been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements and/or to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put the claims in better U.S. form.

No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully requested that the amendments to claims be approved and entered, and it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now all in condition for immediate allowance.

THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to correct some minor informalities of which the undersigned has become aware. No new

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matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification also be approved and entered.

PRIORITY DOCUMENTS


It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the two priority documents filed with the original application papers on November 28, 2000 and the corresponding priority claim under 35 USC 119.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, acknowledgment of the priority claim, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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